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1. SEPT 10 EMBOFFS DISCUSSED WITH STIPUNIN OF USA-USSR
SOCIETY COSPONSORSHIP OF BICENTENNIAL SEMINARS. ALTHOUGH
FINAL DECISION CONTINGENT ON APPROVAL OF BOARD WHICH MEETS
SEPT 15, FOLLOWING TENTATIVE PROGRAM PROPOSED:

(A) THREE-DAY SEMINOR TO BE HELD IN FRIENDSHIP HOUSE
AUDITORIUM SEATING UP TO 120 AND EQUIPPED FOR
SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION.

(B) THREE MAJOR PAPERS TO BE READ BY AMERICANS, ONE PER
DAY, AND DISCUSSED BY SOVIET EXPERTS IN FIELD, AND
DURING QUESTION-ANSWER SESSION WITH SELECTED AUDIENCE.
INVITEES, APPROXIMATELY 100, TO BE FROM UNIVERSITY,
ACADEMY, AND INSTITUTE OF HISTORY.

(C) AFTER 3-DAY SEMINAR, DISUCSSIONS BETWEEN SPECIALISTS
TO CONTINUE AT OTHER SITES, THUS 5-DAY PROGRAM
ENVISAGED WEEK OF 15-19 OR 22-26 NOVEMBER.

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2. COMPLETE PROPOSED PROGRAM OF SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

DELIVERED IN WRITING TO USA-USSR SOCIETY FOR CONSIDERATION BY BOARD, BUT IN ORAL PRESENTATION, EMBOFFS CITED NAMES SCHLESINGER, RIVLIN, AND LIPSET TO INDICATE QUALITY OF PARTICIPANTS AND VARIETY OF APPROACHES TO THEME. POST'S PREFERENCE WOULD BE THESE THREE. BELIEVE SEMINAR CAN BE SUFFICIENTLY PRESTIGIOUS TO WARRANT THEIR PARTICIPATION.

3. DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH HISTORY DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE FROM UNIVERSITY, ASSURED OF THEIR COOPERATION IN THIS SEMINAR. TOP SCHOLARS FROM ACADEMY AND INSTITUTE OF HISTORY ON BOARD OF USA-USSR SOCIETY, THEREFORE ANTICIPATE THEIR COOPERATION ALSO.

4. PAOT MUST RECEIVE COPIES OF PAPERS TO BE DELIVERED, WITH TRANSLATIONS, FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SOVIET PARTICIPANTS BEFORE SEMINAR. EMBASSY HAS NO TRANSLATION SERVICE, THUS REQUEST AGENCY ARRANGE TRANSLATION BEFORE TRANSMITTAL. POST WILL FORWARD FISCAL DATA IF NECESSARY.

5. WILL CABLE FURTHER INFORMATION SUBSEQUENT TO SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING OF USA-USSR SOCIETY BOARD. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS ON YOUR SIDE.
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